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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1939

Withdrawals of creamery butter from cold storage during January 1939 exceeded the input by 17,325,000 pounds. The net out-of-storage movement of this commodity for the same period in 1938 was 11,742,000 pounds and the 5-year (1934-38) average for January is 22,476,000 pounds. The situation as to stocks on hand on February 1 shows that commercial stocks, that is, the quantity other than holdings of the Dairy Products Marketing Association and relief butter, were 9,532,000 pounds less than on February 1 a year ago and 16,391,000 less than the 5-year (1934-38) average for February 1. Total holdings, however, were 80,336,000 pounds in excess of those of a year ago and 73,477,000 above the February 1 average. <sup>1/</sup>

Total stocks of eggs, both shell and frozen, were the equivalent of 1,581,000 cases. This quantity is 1,464,000 cases less than was on hand February 1, 1938, and 322,000 less than the February 1 average.

Seasonal out-of-storage movement of fruits and vegetables continued during January; stocks of apples were reduced by 5,624,000 bushels, which compares with 5,724,000 bushels withdrawn during January 1938 and the 5-year average out-of-storage movement of 5,195,000 bushels.

Frozen fruit stocks were reduced by 9,730,000 pounds and frozen vegetables by 3,558,000 pounds during January.

The seasonal out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry got under way during January with withdrawals from cold storage of 4,651,000 pounds. A year ago the January reduction was 3,395,000 and the 5-year average reduction 6,915,000 pounds.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats increased during the month by nearly 17 percent. They were, however, approximately 6 percent less than total stocks on February 1, 1938, and 21 percent below the February 1 average. Lard stocks were increased during January by 23 percent and were 33 percent greater than those of February 1 last year and about 3 percent above average.

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<sup>1/</sup> For the computation of 5-year averages in this report, the method employed in reports prior to that of January 1939 has been restored, i.e., the years included in the average are the five immediately preceding that of the current report. Comparable January 1 averages for the same years (1934-38) are also included in the tables to replace the 1933-37 averages used in the report of January 12, 1939.



## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

## FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples on February 1, 1939, were the equivalent of 20,585,000 bushels. This quantity is 5,695,000 bushels less than on hand February 1 last year and 519,000 bushels less than the 5-year (1934-38) average.

Holdings of all varieties of pears totaled 878,000 boxes and baskets compared with 662,000 a year earlier, and with a 5-year average of 563,000 boxes and baskets.

## FROZEN FRUITS

Stocks of frozen fruits reported as in cold storage on February 1 totaled 116,031,000 pounds compared with 125,761,000 pounds on January 1, a reduction of 9,730,000 pounds. Of the total February 1 stocks, 28,775,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

Continuing the method used in the January report, the cold storage holdings of frozen fruits are given in totals for each variety, as in the table on page 3. The segregation by method of process - "quick frozen" or "cold packed" - as reported, is given in a table on page 7.

## FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables were reduced during January by 3,558,000 pounds. February 1 stocks were 61,986,000 pounds as compared with 28,640,000 pounds on hand February 1, 1938. Of the February 1 holdings, 4,355,000 pounds were reported unclassified as to variety.

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Contents of February 1 Cold Storage Report

Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on February 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

Fruits (fresh and frozen) and Vegetables (frozen), page 3;

Dairy and Poultry Products, page 4;

Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard, page 5.

Special tables of cold storage holdings, by States or geographic divisions of the country, are included for apples and pears (page 8); cream, butter, American cheese, eggs and poultry (page 6); and frozen poultry, by classes, (page 7).

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr.av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 5-yr.av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 1938	Jan. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939
- Thousands -					
<u>FRUITS, FRESH</u>					
Apples.....barrels.....	566	428	322	221	150
Apples.....western boxes	13,717	10,934	10,958	13,037	10,416
Apples.....bushels <u>1/</u> ...	10,883	8,885	14,356	12,509	9,719
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	26,298	21,103	26,280	26,209	20,585
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.			18	15	9
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes..			4	8	6
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	905	532	620	1,294	795
Pears.....baskets (bu.)	46	31	20	87	68
<u>FRUITS, FROZEN</u> <u>2/</u>					
Blackberries <u>3/</u> .....pounds.....	Data for these earlier years not comparable			3,355	2,614
Blueberries.....".....			7,079	5,048	5,029
Cherries.....".....			21,147	20,617	18,230
Logan and similar berries <u>3/</u> .. ".....				3,242	2,989
Raspberries <u>3/</u> .....".....				8,578	7,199
Strawberries.....".....			25,852	35,902	33,728
Other fruits.....".....			4/ 64,564	20,801	17,467
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....				28,218	28,775
TOTAL.....".....	79,826	74,285	118,642	125,761	116,031
<u>VEGETABLES, FROZEN</u>					
Asparagus <u>3/</u> .....".....	Historical data not available			3,688	3,478
Beans, Lima.....".....			5,097	13,087	12,485
Beans, snap.....".....			1,843	5,315	5,160
Broccoli, green <u>3/</u> .....".....				1,085	1,332
Corn, sweet.....".....			2,117	6,347	6,225
Peas, green.....".....			9,403	22,498	21,334
Spinach.....".....			2,342	3,440	3,108
Other vegetables.....".....			4/ 7,838	2,924	4,509
Classification not reported <u>3/</u> ".....				7,160	4,355
TOTAL.....".....			28,640	65,544	61,986

1/ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

2/ See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by method of processing, i.e., "quick freeze" and "cold pack".

3/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

4/ Includes items designated by note 3/.



Stocks of creamery butter decreased during January by 17,325,000 pounds, which exceeded the out-of-storage movement of January last year by 5,583,000 pounds but was 22,476,000 less than the 5-year (1934-38) average. The Dairy Products Marketing Association holdings on February 1, 1939, were 70,043,000 pounds compared with 87,074,000 pounds on January 1. Of the purchases made by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation from the Dairy Products Marketing Association, 14,295,000 pounds were still in storage. There were also 5,529,000 pounds of butter held by various States and municipalities for relief distribution. The combined butter holdings of these agencies on February 1 thus totaled 89,868,000 pounds compared with 95,908,000 pounds held on January 1, 1939. The remaining stocks, held commercially, amounted to 21,679,000 pounds on February 1 compared with 32,964,000 on January 1. The February 1 commercial stocks in 1938 were 31,211,000 pounds and the average holdings during the 1934-38 period were 38,070,000.

Stocks of American cheese in cold storage on February 1 were 90,348,000 pounds, a decrease during January of 12,215,000 pounds. Holdings were 9,869,000 pounds more than on February 1, 1938, and 13,698,000 greater than the 5-year average.

Total holdings of both shell and frozen eggs were the equivalent of 1,581,000 cases. The reduction of stocks during January was the equivalent of 518,000 cases. This compares with a reduction during January last year of 906,000 and a 5-year average of 901,000 cases.

The seasonal out-of-storage movement of frozen poultry commenced in January with a net reduction in stocks between January 1 and February 1 of 4,651,000 pounds. February 1 holdings were 134,457,000 pounds, which quantity exceeds stocks on hand February 1 a year ago by 19,352,000 pounds and the 5-year average by 6,517,000.

*See monthly summary of cold storage holdings*

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 1938	Jan. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939
- Thousands -					
<u>CREAM</u>					
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	100	74	23	192	143
Twenty percent....." "	4	3	1	2	2
<u>BUTTER</u>					
Creamery, total.....pounds....	60,546	38,070	31,211	128,872	111,547
DPMA holdings....." ....				87,074	70,043
FSCC & relief holdings " ....				8,834	19,825
Commercial stocks...." ....				32,964	21,679
Packing stock....." ....			10	140	42
<u>CHEESE</u>					
American....." ....	87,773	76,650	80,479	102,563	90,348
Swiss including block.. " ....	5,641	5,350	4,447	6,037	5,901
Brick and Munster....." ....	792	690	645	651	566
Limburger....." ....	1,082	834	501	902	932
All other varieties...." ....	6,327	5,777	7,425	10,021	8,703
TOTAL CHEESE....." ....	101,615	89,301	93,497	120,174	106,450
<u>EGGS</u>					
Shell.....cases.....	765	206	314	302	136
Frozen.....pounds....	71,378	59,412	95,598	62,903	50,560
Frozen 1/...equivalent cases.....	2,039	1,697	2,731	1,797	1,445
TOTAL EGGS 2/ " " ....	2,804	1,903	3,045	2,099	1,581
<u>FROZEN POULTRY 3/</u>					
Broilers.....pounds....	16,914	14,826	8,886	11,552	10,781
Fryers....." ....	14,588	13,239	9,850	15,078	13,705
Roasters....." ....	33,497	31,393	23,344	33,984	31,289
Fowls....." ....	23,362	20,307	22,126	23,823	21,217
Turkeys....." ....	22,379	26,572	28,020	22,762	28,274
Ducks....." ....	4,126	3,016	4,290	6,739	4,663
Miscellaneous poultry.. " ....	19,989	18,587	18,589	25,170	24,530
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY " ....	134,855	127,940	115,105	139,108	134,457

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 81 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of February 1, 1939, were classified as follows: Whites - 27 percent; Yolks - 16 percent; and Mixed - 57 percent.

3/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 7.

Frozen and cured beef holdings were reduced during January 1939 by 4,961,000 pounds. February 1 stocks this year were below those of a year earlier by 6,143,000 and below the 5-year (1934-38) February 1 average by 55,729,000 pounds.

Stocks of frozen and cured pork were materially increased during the month, the amount of increase being 94,381,000 pounds or approximately 22 percent. The quantity on hand February 1, 1939, was 29,543,000 pounds less than that on February 1 a year ago and 100,911,000 less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats, which totaled 656,974,000 pounds, were less than those of a year earlier by nearly 41,000,000 pounds, and 177,000,000 pounds less than the 5-year average.

Lard stocks increased by 23 percent, or 24,719,000 pounds, during the month, which placed them nearly 33,000,000 pounds above February 1 holdings a year ago and 4,350,000 above the 5-year average.

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 5-yr. av. 1934-38	Feb. 1, 1938	Jan. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939
- Thousand pounds -					
<u>BEEF</u>					
Frozen.....	93,079	86,036	45,313	42,421	37,774
In process of cure.....	17,887	17,418	11,273	12,678	12,067
Cured.....	5,256	5,501	2,783	3,088	3,385
TOTAL BEEF.....	116,222	108,955	59,369	58,187	53,226
<u>PORK</u>					
Frozen.....	164,200	205,393	200,671	151,923	219,669
Dry salt in process of cure.....	40,394	46,743	51,618	35,553	42,131
Dry salt cured.....	29,046	36,974	31,712	21,283	25,898
Pickled in process of cure.....	184,790	199,509	169,262	138,329	146,512
Pickled cured.....	123,469	136,777	100,765	83,016	90,275
TOTAL PORK.....	541,899	625,396	554,028	430,104	524,485
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>					
Frozen.....	4,944	4,922	3,294	3,541	3,052
<u>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</u>					
Frozen and cured.....	93,020	94,712	81,179	72,040	76,211
TOTAL MEATS.....	756,085	833,985	697,870	563,872	656,974
<u>LARD</u> .....	100,567	127,790	99,318	107,421	132,140



## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, FEBRUARY 1, 1939

By States, for Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	6	2,706	2,620		1,117	7,162
Other States.....		752	375		487	621
NEW ENGLAND.....		3,458	2,995		1,604	7,783
New York.....	97	13,853	11,231		6,168	29,145
New Jersey.....	4	26,911	3,948		6,486	10,810
Pennsylvania.....	4	1,171	1,435		5,306	4,978
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		41,935	16,614		17,960	44,933
Ohio.....	6	1,332	739		1,546	1,626
Indiana.....		199	23		258	2,303
Illinois.....		53,261	6,441		6,332	28,529
Michigan.....		437	1,227		748	1,874
Wisconsin.....	10	397	47,892		379	985
EAST N. CENTRAL....		55,626	56,322		9,263	35,517
Minnesota.....		3,187	632		898	5,916
Iowa.....		122	26		766	5,896
Missouri.....	6	1,172	903		6,149	9,081
Nebraska.....		906	734		667	8,515
Kansas.....		57	175		1,736	1,404
Dakotas.....		152	-		-	4
WEST N. CENTRAL....		5,596	2,470		10,216	30,816
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		1,587	1,930		1,951	2,354
Kentucky.....		24	226		1,241	815
Tennessee.....		290	323		804	747
Alabama & Mississippi.		117	190		266	73
EAST S. CENTRAL....		431	739		2,311	1,635
Oklahoma.....		21	154		1,781	176
Texas.....		73	2,024		3,049	277
Arkansas & Louisiana..		261	97		746	213
WEST S. CENTRAL....		355	2,275		5,576	666
Colorado.....		161	764		158	258
Other States.....		29	1,333		22	402
MOUNTAIN.....		190	2,097		180	660
Washington.....		671	559		279	2,043
Oregon.....		12	885		126	2,013
California.....		1,686	3,462		1,094	6,037
PACIFIC.....		2,369	4,906		1,499	10,093
Other States, combined for cream only.....	11					
UNITED STATES....	144	111,547	90,348	136	50,560	134,457



# FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Classified by Varieties

Geographic division	February 1, 1939						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- 1,000 pounds -						
New England.....	301	332	2,830	949	2,763	276	332
Middle Atlantic....	2,226	1,754	11,517	6,293	10,191	2,732	10,220
East North Central.	2,984	8,379	8,335	6,619	4,013	1,146	4,041
West North Central.	4,151	2,629	7,318	5,409	2,797	153	8,359
South Atlantic.....	114	62	475	236	918	198	351
East South Central.	228	205	201	599	143	36	223
West South Central.	27	14	32	219	208	7	159
Mountain.....	183	49	6	48	304	4	66
Pacific.....	567	279	575	845	6,937	111	779
UNITED STATES..	10,781	13,703	31,289	21,217	28,274	4,663	24,530

## FROZEN FRUITS 1/

Commodity	Quick freeze processed		Frozen and preserved (cold packed)	
	Jan. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1939
	- 1,000 pounds -			
Blackberries.....	362	344	2,993	2,270
Blueberries.....	1,159	1,248	3,889	3,781
Cherries.....	1,733	2,456	18,884	15,774
Logan and similar berries....	723	737	2,519	2,252
Raspberries.....	1,254	1,139	7,324	6,060
Strawberries.....	10,811	12,173	25,091	21,555
Other fruits.....	5,944	5,577	14,857	11,890
Classification not reported..	5,933	5,116	22,285	23,659
TOTAL .....	27,919	28,790	97,842	87,241

1/ See "Frozen Fruits" on page 2 and in table on page 3.

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## APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

## APPLES

State	February 1, 1939				February 1, 1938
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
	- Thousands -				
Vermont.....	-	-	44	44	100
Massachusetts.....	-	3	166	169	431
New York.....	14	37	3,381	3,460	4,434
New Jersey.....	-	11	744	755	852
Pennsylvania.....	4	70	1,007	1,089	1,368
Ohio.....	-	26	234	260	698
Indiana.....	-	19	108	127	276
Illinois.....	-	46	506	552	1,118
Michigan.....	-	56	660	716	719
Wisconsin.....	-	18	47	65	117
Minnesota.....	-	57	6	63	106
Missouri.....	-	46	249	295	780
Virginia.....	127	22	1,766	2,169	3,513
West Virginia.....	1	1	230	234	440
Texas.....	-	67	-	67	78
Washington.....	-	7,705	-	7,705	8,077
Oregon.....	-	634	-	634	618
California.....	-	1,416	-	1,416	1,363
Other States.....	4	182	571	765	1,192
UNITED STATES...	150	10,416	9,719	20,585	26,280

## PEARS

State	February 1, 1939	February 1, 1938
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
	- Thousands -	
New York.....	77	34
New Jersey....	13	30
Pennsylvania..	8	16
Illinois.....	9	25
Washington....	49	98
Oregon.....	561	364
California....	136	47
Other States..	25	48
UNITED STATES	878	662